

The Third Symposium on Jewish Studies

A collaboration between CISMOR and the Faculty of Theology, Doshisha University
and
The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Theme:

Judaism in Modern Era – Interpretative Studies of Ancient and Current Texts

Place: The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry
Gaster Building, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Mount Scopus
Meeting Room #400, on the second floor
(The building is located next to the Rothberg School for overseas students)

Date: August 19th, 2018 (Sunday) 8:30-18:00

Organizers:

Prof. Ada Taggar-Cohen Dr. Kotaro Hiraoka
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Co-organizers

Prof. W. Zev Harvey Prof. Paul Mendes-Flohr
Professors Emeritus of Jewish Thought, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University

Program

8:30-8:40 Opening words – Ada Taggar-Cohen, Director of CISMOR
Greetings by Prof. Uzi Rebhun, Vice Dean of the Humanities

Chair: Zev W. Harvey

8:40-9:10 Paul Mendes-Flohr, “Jewish Studies in Historical Perspective”

9:10-9:40 Kotaro Hiraoka, “Martin Buber’s Reception of Hassidism”

9:40-10:10 Fumio Ono, “Religious Anarchism and Bipolarity in the Thought of Martin Buber”

10:10-10:40 Masato Goda, “On Spinoza’s ‘Abrégé de grammaire hébraïque’”

10:40-10:50 Break

Chair: Paul Mendes-Flohr

10:50-11:20 Joel Swanson, “Speech and Silence: Two Modern Readings of Psalm 115”

11:20-11:50 Tetsu Kitamura, “The Lack of ‘Zion’ in the Book of Ezekiel”

11:50-12:20 Ada Taggar-Cohen, “Religious prohibitions in the Bible and Hittite Cultures:
What does “Holiness” mean in Both Cultures?”

12:20-13:30 Lunch Break

Chair: Kotaro Hiraoka

13:30-14:00 Zev W. Harvey, “Maimonides and Bialik on Spoken Hebrew”

14:00-14:30 Anri Ishiguro, “Progress and Ambiguities: Kaufmann Kohler’s Vision for
Jewish Women and Zionism during the Transitional Period of the Reform Movement”

14:30-15:00 Yu Amano, “Western Influence on Jewish Intellectuals in Iraq”

15:00-15:10 Break

Chair: Fumio Ono

15:10-15:40 Tzvi Schoenberg, “Language and Ordinary Experience in Early Hasidism:
Preliminary Remarks”

15:40-16:10 Ori Werdiger, “Secularism According to two 20th Century Jewish Mystics: A. I. Kook’s and
Léon Askenazi’s Explications of a Talmudic Tale narrating the Rabbinic Victory Over Idolatry”

16:10-16:40 Moses Lapin, “What is Medieval Political Philosophy? Our Averroes and Averroes’ Plato”

16:40-17:10 Orr Scharf, “Hermann Cohen’s Reading of the Sinai Revelation: Between Observance and
Remembrance”

17:10-17:40 David Cohen, “A World Founded on *Chesed*; the Source and Content of the
Ethical-Halachic Life”

17:40-17:50 Closing Remarks

18:30 – Dinner